Special Despatch to Tun Sun.

Restoration of Championships Expected to Put New Vigor Into the Tennis Campaign Next Summer

TENNIS TITLES AND RANKING WITHHELD

Despite Absence of Great Incentives of Past Season Was a Success.

LOOK TO JUNIORS NOW

Future of the Sport Lies in Hands of America's Younger Players.

With eight of the first ten ranking players wearing their country's uniform it was obvious that the tennis season of 1917 must have differed radically from its predecessors. "Military neces-

from its predocessors. "Military necessity" changed many activities during the past few months and tennis could hardly escape.

The first innovation came with the recommendation of the executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association early in the season, that all championships and rankins should be eliminated. This was an action that could only have been justified by the emergency then prevailing. Congress had not decided upon the method of raising an army and the national association felt that it could not sponsor any form of competition which might induce a man to neglect his duty

geonsor any form of competition which might induce a man to neglect his duty to his country to win tennis honors. Con-sequently titles and prizes went into discard for the time being. Now that conscription has been adopted as the means of raising an army, so that the country will get the men it wants anyhow, that consideration men it wants anyhow, that consideration has disappeared. Therefore the executive committee will recommend to the association's annual meeting in February that all championships and ranking be restored, so that competition will be on lines as nearly as possible like those prevailing before the war. This plan has the approval of Secretary of War Baker and other high Government officials, the theory being that the interest thus stimulated in an active outdoor sport will be for the welfare of the country.

Old Swing Absent.

Although tennis was played by thousands of men and women the season did not move with the swing expected until the association undertook its campaign to finance and man ambulance sections to be presented to the Gövernment. Its members were asked to contribute and in addition a series of exhibition matches were scheduled. Miss Mary K. Browns of California, the former woman's champion, and Miss Molia Bjurstedt of New Tork, present title holder, were the main attraction. Their series extended from July 20 until late in September and the route they travelled took them from Bosten to St. Louis.

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Several of the leading men players who were not in military service took part in these exhibitions, so that the series stood as the greatest thing of the kind that had been conducted in this country. It was a tremendous stimulus to interest in tennis and entirely apart from the worthy purpose for which the money was raised had a beneficial effect. The two sections have been enlisted and are stationed at Allentown. Pat. headquarters of the United States Army Ambulance Service, pending orders

cannot withstand those who have been at the game steadily, so the tournament was marked by many upsets.

While next season's events will lack the entries of hundreds of players who are now in their country's service, it is fair to assume from the character of the trunger and hove. petition for the funior and boys championships that there will be a plen-tiful supply of newcomers to fill the ranks. Some of the youngsters during the season just ended showed that they are nearly the equal of ranking men and with increased experience they are bound

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The results of the principal tourna

ments of 1917 follow:

National Singles Pariticitic Tournament—
West Side Tennis Ciub, Forest Hills, N. T.,
August 20-25, Hobert L. Murray defeated
Nat Niles, 5-7, 5-6, 5-8, 5-8.

National Doubles—Longwood Cricket
Ciub, Boston, August 13-20. Fred B. Alexander and Harold A. Throckmorton defeated H. C. Johnson and I. C. Wright,
11-9, 6-4, 5-6.

Junior and Baye' National Championships—West Side Tennis Ciub, Forest
Hills N. Y. August 22. Junior singles—
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5-7, 6-1, 2-6, 5-5. Boys singles—Vincent Richards defeated J. D. B. Jones, 6-6
6-6-3, 6-1.

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ARMY PLEBES WIN. Epecial Despatch to Tun Bun.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Dickinson High School of Jersey City beat the Army's "Plebe" team at basketball this afternoon in a close and interesting game, 23 to 20. The Army's vareity five has been idle for a fortnight, due to the absence of so many cadets on holiday leave. The season's schedule will ed next Saturday with ManMen and Women Who Earned Places in the Front Rank During Tennis Campaign of 1917



BY POLY INSTITUTE TEAM NEAR DEFEAT

Hanover Collegians Swamped Behind in Match With Comin First of Series of Local Games, 47 to 11.

of the game and when they got posses-sion of the ball they did not know what to do with it. The Hanoverians played like a disorganized unit and consequently trailed far behind throughout.

Poly smothered its rival by a lead of 27 to 5 in the first half. Specht and Hildebrand, Poly's forwards, continually broke up the Dartmouth passing and starred at goal shooting.

Specht scored 10 of the Poly's 23 field

Boston, Dec. 29 .- The hockey season opened to-night with a game between a seven from the First Naval district and won, 6 to 5. The navy boys played rings around the rink team in the first half, but in the second period only the ex-cellent work of the schoolboy recruit, La Croix, in the cage saved his team mates. Hutchinson and Osgood, former Boston A. A. stars, did the scoring for the win-

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CHILDREN RIDE AT DURLAND'S.

Miss Evelyn McManus Wins Honors

Richmond Hill.

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Hessly. The combination won two blues and a silver cup.

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Polytechnic Institute's basketball team easily defeated the Dartmouth College five in the Green's first of its series of local games. The game played on Poly's court last night resulted in a 47 to 11 victory for the locals. The visitors failed to show the simplest fundamentals of the game and when they got possession of the ball they did not know what to do with it. The Hanoverlans played to do with it. The Hanoverlans played polysements to do with it. The Hanoverlans played for Commercial and Schapiro for Beys for Commerci

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winners on the Manual team, while
Kinzler drew against kick of Erasmus
The Stuyvesant victors were Kransdorf,
Levine, Gruenstein and Kalb. Richmond Hill's winners were Prosswimmer,
MacMahon and Scheer. Isaacs scored
for Morris. The summaries:

COMMERCIAL VS. BOYS HIGH.

It was bitterly cold on the firing line accumulation prize, scoring a leg on the
trophy.

W. H. Ogden was the high scratch
gunner of the day, He took the important prize with a 31 out of a possible
month and many prizes depended upon
the result of the competition. So high
was the wind and so cold were the gunoff the high handicap prize was annexed

Johnston

Tournament. Special Desputch to Tun Sen. PINEHURST, N. C., Dec. 29 .- Only two matches were played to a finish in the first match round of the midwinter tournament at Pinchurst to-day, stormy weather putting an untimely end to the proceedings shortly after the second division matches had started and before any of the other divisions had got under

In the two second division matches that went to a finish L. D. Pierce Braeburn defeated C. F. Lancaster, Wood-land, 2 and 1, and D. N. Jewett, Skaneateles, defeated H. P. Hotchkiss,

KAHLES CHESS VICTOR.

Takes First Prize in Brooklyn Club Tourney.

C. W. Kahles yesterday won the first on Her Pony Red Wing.

More than a hundred youngsters took part in the Children's Christmas Ride at Durland's Academy yesterday afternoon, Miss Evelyn Hall McManus, on her prize wiming pony Red Wing, carried off the honors of the day. Red Wing was on his best behavior and little Miss McManus rode him faultiessity. The combination won two blues

was the wind and so cold were the gunners that A. C. Bennett was the only
one to run a straight string of 25 targets.
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Tournament. corbett. The three gunners will shoot off next Saturday for the prize. The club cup was taken by Frank B. Stephenson, the Brooklyn gunner, who finished the menth with three legs to his credit. On a shootoff M. McVoy won the Haelin trophy from F. J. Ham, Jr. The summark.

WINNERS. Travers Island Cup-Legs scored by all gun-ters with 25 targets. Hastin Cup-Legs scored by all gunners with 25 targets.

ON THE SHREWSBURY

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Moonlight, Frai! Craft, Is Up-

ing in a gale on the snow covered North

The first race of the series for the State champlonship pernant between the North and South Shrewsbury River Club boats is called for next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Although raced for several times by the South Shrewsbury River Club and also the Burlington, N. J., clubs, the Red Bank always has successfully defended it. The South River boats will be the Princeton and Sliver Heels and the ewners and skippers are expecting to take the pennant back with them to Long Branch.

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Football Officials Are

Difficulties-Improvement in Rules Would Aid-Illegal Coaching Still to Be Found.

By SOL METEGER.

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Football officiating is no soft snap even when you get the hundred dollar jobs on Saturday afternoons. The best of men make mistakes and the best of men make mistakes and the best of men. Worst of all their mistakes count many a coach a splendid job. The coaches, you know, must win meat of the time to hold down their positions, hence the matter of good officiating is of paramount importance to them.

I recall a game I played in when at college. At one time the score was 6—6. According to the rules I made a touchdown at this stage of this game, but the referee, who was then and who afterward proved to be one of the best at the job ever discovered in this country, didn't see it my way untill—well, it was just ten years later that I talked it over with him. He then admitted that I had made the score; that he had pulled a "boner." That boner cost us a big game. And so it goes.

It's a mighty hard job to get a game of football properly officiated. In the officials, outside of a precious few there is a lamentable lack of knowledge of football rules, and when that knowledge is perfect it is no easy matter to conduct a game without coming a cropper. So difficult is it to see a play correctly and to watch all of the twenty-two contestants that as many as three officials will differ as to what occurred at any siven time.

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SKIPPERS THROWN

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Green Grass ran off with the opening event, a dash of six furlongs for two-year-olds. He was heavily backed and went to the post an odds on favorite at 3 to 5. Robinson, who had the mount, made every post a winning one and passed the judges with something in reserve plainly visible, but the officials, were plainly visible, but the officials, and the mount.

Special Despatch to The Stx.

Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 22—There was some thrilling and freaklish ice yacht-like the also rans.

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The wearing of aviation caps by some of the skippers was another innovation. William and Ensley White, who were sailing the Gull, were clad in leather coats and aviation caps, and were often bidden from view as the craft cut through snew drifts, throwing the snow completely over them.

The Gull and Andrew White's Brownie attempted a race, but after being attempted a race, but after being attempted a race, but after being attempted in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and the sail and the sail and retarded in speed when being parts of the sail and the

ness. He thinks that great good can be accomplished by both coaches and players knowing the rules better than they do and by having the central board hold a series of written quizzes each fall for all officials, thus forcing them to know the rules or to lose assignments.

Officiate for Love of Game.

Tate of Nowata. Okia. to-night were and in this way contribute their bit to rematched for a fifteen round bout here carrying it along. They are not in it for the money there is in it. This official told mo that the best season he ever had netted him close to \$000, but at to 25 West \$2d St., near Broadway.

Confronted With Hard Task

Sol Metzger Reviews Gridiron Incidents to Show

Officials Differ on Play.

In the W. & J. game with the Camp Sherman team at Toleda this season—which was one of the hardest played and cleanest games of football I ever saw—we had a lead of seven points with but a few minutes to play and we were to the heat part of the heavy track. This which was one of the hardest played and cleanest games of football I ever saw—we had a lead of seven points with but a few minutes to play and we were being put to the supreme test on defence to held our lead and prevent a tie score. Hupp, a former Dennison player now in army Y. M. C. A. work, was at half-back for the soldiers, and not only was he likely to but he did break loose time after time for long and thrilling runs.

I thought him one of the greatest backs I ever saw. That night my players, who had been up against De Hart and McLaren of Pitt and Rodgers of the West Virginia among others, were the also rans.

over the heavy course in 1:14. Woodstone, Bob Hensley and Hauberk were the also rans.

Johnson's Guil and Reuben White's Moonlight did many unusual stunts. It was while the Moonlight was sailing on clear he and then in snowdrifts that the frail craft was blown upon one runner. After sailing on an angle of 45 decrees she finally upset. The keel and body of the boat broke in the middle, the forward part with the sail going ahead and the stern portion sliding backwards. Skipper White was thrown out of the cockpit and almost buried in a snowbank.

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An Amusing Incident.

One of the most amusing incidents the one mile and a fixteenth course in a driving finish. Reno was second and Little Cottage third. Mikifula won the second race, a claiming affair at one mile and a furious. Mikifula won the second race, a claiming affair at one mile and a furious. Luther landed home in second place and lade was sent into the game by our head coach. He promptly made a mistake and Morke, not thinking, corrected him. Immediately he penalized Pennsylvania fifteen yards for illegal coaching.

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Zero Weather Too Much for Long

Branch Skippers.

Special Despatch to The Str.

Lond Branch Of Long Branch
ing here to-day. The scheduled race, the commodore's cup of the Long Branch
it les Boat and Yealt Clue, will be salled later. Plans for a gain New Year programme were completed to-night. A series of races for cups will be salled if the lee is eight inches thick.

The cross-country run by the soldiers at Camp Vall, Signal Corps, also scheduled for this afternoon, was postponed for a week. The thermometer stood is degrees shown zero when the run was called off. Piffy soldiers had entered the contest.

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